



January 2014

Economic Council on Women Elects New Officers

Dr. Dena Wise Takes the Helm as Chair



Dr. Dena Wise (left) presents a ceremonial gavel to outgoing Chair Yvonne Wood, in recognition of her recent service and her ongoing passion for the Council's work.

Dena Wise, Professor and Extension Specialist at the University of Tennessee,

Knoxville, has been elected chair of the Tennessee Economic Council on Women. Wise has served on the Council since 2008. The officers were elected for a one-year term at the Winter Quarterly Meeting, held Friday, Jan. 10, 2014. Yvonne Wood had served as chair for the past two years.

Dr. Wise thanked Mrs. Wood for her tireless work as Chair of the TECW and presented her with a ceremonial gavel. Wise

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Message from Executive Director Phyllis Qualls-Brooks

Welcome to 2014!

We have experienced the polar vortex in Tennessee and beyond and will remember how we began this year... cold!



We are excited to implement new plans and strategies for this New Year and beyond.

The TECW welcomed January with new officers. Dr. Dena Wise, begins her term as chair of the board after the January 10 election. State Rep. Karen Camper was elected as Vice Chair. I, along with the TECW staff, look forward to working with the Dr. Wise, Rep. Camper, and all of the new officers.

It is with great respect and pride that I also extend thanks to our immediate Past Chair, Mrs. Yvonne Wood, for her guidance, support and hard work, as well as to the members of the previous executive committee, with whom we've accomplished so much.

I am delighted to welcome State Rep. Brenda Gilmore, (Nashville) to the Women's Economic Council Foundation.

With the addition and election of these dedicated women, both the TECW and the WECF will continue to do great work for the women, children and families of Tennessee.

In closing, Welcome to 2014 and watch us grow, create & advocate.

Warmest regards,

Phyllis

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Ninth Economic Summit Brochure Recognized by Printing Association

The TECW proudly congratulates the African Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday School Union on receiving an *Award of Excellence* at the 2013 Printing Industry Association of the South (PIAS) Graphic Award, in recognition of the brochure depicted above. As a partner with the Economic Council on Women, AMEC-SSU created the

2012 brochure to promote the Council's Ninth Annual Economic Summit for Women. They also produced the Council's Tenth Annual brochure, though there is no word yet on possible awards in 2014.

Dr. Johnny Barbour, President of the Sunday School Publishing House, said, "We are pleased to partner with the TECW and produced award

winning publications to promote the annual Economic Summit for Women."

TECW Executive Director, Phyllis Qualls-Brooks added, "the AMEC-SSU has a storied history of working to inform and uplift, and this association continues that experience."



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also spoke briefly about her goals as chair. "It is my intent to increase the Council's efforts related to grant-seeking, enhance research through partnerships, and provide opportunity to Tennessee women all along the economic spectrum."

Wood congratulated Dr. Wise on her election, expressed appreciation to the members for their efforts, and pledged her continual support of the organization. Wood remains on the Economic Council

The complete slate of 2014 TECW officers are as follows:

Chair, Dr. Dena Wise, Professor and Extension Specialist, The University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Vice Chair, State Rep. Karen Camper, 87th Tennessee House District-Memphis

West Tennessee Representative, Dr. Carol Danehower, Assoc. Professor, University of Memphis

Middle Tennessee Representative, Dr. Janet Smith, President Columbia State Community College

East Tennessee Representative, Mrs. Ruby Miller, Owner, State Farm Insurance Agency-Oak Ridge

Immediate Past Chair, Yvonne Wood, Owner, Wood Conference & Event Planning-Nashville

Treasurer, Atty. Jane Powers, Owner, Powers Law Firm-Crossville

Secretary, Kathleen Armour Walker, President & Owner, Tennessee Pewter Company-Somerville

as the Immediate Past Chair and serves on the Executive Board as a non-voting member.

The officers of the Women's Economic Council Foundation are as follows:

Chair, Dr. Dena Wise

Vice Chair, State Rep. Karen Camper

West TN Representative, Dr. Carol Danehower

Middle TN Representative, Dr. Janet Smith

East TN Representative, Mrs. Ruby Miller

Immediate Past Chair, Mrs. Yvonne Wood


Secretary, Mrs. Kathleen Armour Walker

Treasurer, Ms. Pat Pierce, Retired Administrator Vanderbilt University

These officers also serve in companion positions with the Council's non-profit support organization, the Women's Economic Council Foundation, with the exception of one position, Treasurer.

The Foundation also welcomes State Representative Brenda Gilmore (District 54—Nashville) as a new member of its board of directors.

Chair of the nominating committee, Veronica Marable Johnson said, "The Economic Council has distinguished individuals working to uplift and empower women to their greatest potential." These new officers will continue the growth and development of the agency.

The Full Council Roster can be found on page four of this Newsletter. 

Upcoming TECW Events

TECW Spring Quarterly Meeting

*May 16, 2014
Nashville*

East Tennessee Women's Leadership Summit

*June 13, 2014
Knoxville Hilton Airport*

TECW Summer Quarterly Meeting & Retreat

*August 21 & 22
Knoxville*

11th Annual Economic Summit for Women

*October 19 & 20
Nashville Airport Marriott*

TECW Fall Quarterly Meeting

*October 21
Nashville Airport Marriott*

TECW Winter Quarterly Meeting

January 9 or 16, 2015

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